

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 93-96, 98, and 118-124 have been canceled.

2. Claims 63-79 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art, either alone or in combination, fails to teach or fairly suggest a method and system as various claimed. Particularly, the prior art fails to teach the features of a copy protection command having mode control command and programmable configuration bit patterns indicative of respective one or more copy protection signals; and providing/applying the one or more copy protection signal to the video signal to produce a copy protected video signal in response to one or more programmable configuration bit pattern selected by the mode control command, to prevent copying or subsequent viewing of the recording of the copy protected video signal, wherein the copy protected video signal is viewable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

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issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NGOC K. VU whose telephone number is (571)272-7306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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